

Business Activity Reported on Increase as Recovery Proceeds

Southern California's business activity for the first six months of 1961 has been marked by a continuous recovery from the recent recession, J. J. Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, reported today.

In reviewing the year's first half, Weigel pointed out that signs of the business revival in the Southland were apparent as early as January, while recovery in the nation as a whole did not get under way until March.

Forecasts made at 1960's end were that the recession would tend to bottom out during the early month of 1961, with business activity taking a decided upturn at mid-year. Thus far these expectations have been fulfilled, Weigel said.

Security's business index stood at 227.9 (preliminary) in June to establish a new all time high in business activity. This was 13.6 points or 6.3 per cent above the December, 1960, low of 214.3.

MODERATELY declining trends in employment, motion picture production and distribution, and in petroleum production have been more than offset by solid gains shown by bank debits, manufacturing employment, man-hours worked in manufacturing, and railroad freight cars handled.

Department stores sales have moved erratically, month to month, Security Bank said, but the over-all trend has been upward.

FOLLOWING A sluggish first quarter, total employment during the second quarter increased steadily in all South-

ern California areas. Seasonal factors considered, gains in employment were greater than expected in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan area, as well as in San Diego and Fresno counties.

In the San Bernardino-Riverside area, however, employment has risen less than expected during the second quarter of 1961.

Unemployment has been a persistent problem in most Southland areas during 1961, despite improved business conditions generally. Total labor force expanded by 2.5 per cent between last year's end and June, 1961. Since the local economy has been unable to absorb workers at a commensurate rate, higher levels of unemployment have resulted.

Other economic trends, as reported by Security Bank, include the rise of personal income to a record level during the first quarter of 1961. Seasonal factors considered, income was estimated to have been at an annual rate of \$28,365,000,000, up nearly one per cent over the fourth quarter of last year.

TOTAL BUILDING and construction, after a slow start in 1961, has become a strong burst of activity in recent months. During the first half, engineering construction contracts awarded, plus building permits issued and other projects, totaled \$1,853,000,000.

Again, seasonal factors considered, volume in the recent six months was equivalent to \$3,574,000,000 a year, representing a gain of two per cent over the average level of last year, which was the biggest construction year in the history of the 14-county area.

Summer Music Students Slate 'Twilight Concert'

Summer music students of El Camino College will climax their six-week study with the presentation of a "Twilight Concert" Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the patio of the college student center.

Combining their talents for the performance will be the summer chorus directed by Crist L. Mikkelsen and the summer symphonic band, under the baton of Calvin Greer.

Six numbers will be featured by the band, which will also present a baton twirling exhibition in conjunction with its performance.

FEATURING the work of Bill Grantham, El Camino College alumnus now completing his work at Long Beach State College, the chorus will introduce Grantham's "Lament to Old Age," under the composer's direction. Grantham will also direct the chorus in his special arrangement of the number "Carefully Taught."

The 43-voice chorus will open the program with a series of four numbers, "Salutation to the Dawn," Mueller; "Con- fitebor tibi," Smith; "I Hear No Voice," Pyle, and "Lord God of Hosts, How Lovely," Sater-

ten. A madrigal group will present Hassler's "Dancing and Sprinkling." The ten-part round from the Happy Birthday scene of "Fanny" will attract special attention.

COMPLETING its series of presentations, the summer chorus will sing "Holiday Song," Schumann; "Daniel, Servant of the Lord," spiritual arranged by Moore; "Comin' Through the Rye," by Simeone and "Russian Lullaby," Enders.

Band, choir and audience will join in the processional march as the finale.

Directors extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the free performance. Seating will be available for the outdoor concert.

Registration Set For El Camino Swim Instruction

Registration for swimming instruction at El Camino College will be conducted Saturday morning in the Campus Center dining room starting at 8 a.m.

Enrollment for two-week sessions extending from July 31 through August 11 and from August 14 through 25 will be taken.

Cost for student swimmers for the two-week instructional period will be \$1.00. Children must be present when tickets are purchased, swimming authorities noted.

Schedules for classes, offered from 8 a.m. to noon, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. are available in the college business office and in the men's physical education building.

Hours reserved for recreational swimming are also listed on the summer swimming schedule.

The El Camino program is supervised by college physical education instructors and student recreational leaders.

Calexicans Picnic

More than 400 people from all over the Southwest are expected to attend the Tenth annual picnic of "Former Calexicans" on Sunday at Sixth Ave. at Maple St., Balboa Park, San Diego.

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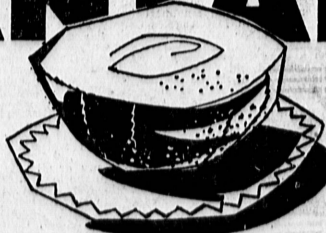
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